

IN THE CLAIMS

The pending claims are as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:

 a beverage unit supplying the beverage under pressure,
 a nozzle in fluid communication with the beverage unit
such that the nozzle generates a jet of the beverage, and
 a receiving unit into which the jet is directed, the
receiving unit comprising:

 a chamber having a drain opening and a channel extending
to the nozzle, and

 a jet impact member disposed within the chamber and
having a top which does not contact an inner wall of the chamber,
 wherein the nozzle and the jet impact member are mutually
oriented such that the jet hits against at least a portion of the
top of the jet impact member so that the beverage, after hitting
against the jet impact member, leaves the chamber through the drain
opening in the form of the beverage having a foam layer, wherein
air can be supplied to the chamber exclusively through the drain
opening.

2. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the chamber further comprises a product feed opening through which
the jet enters the chamber.

3. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the product feed opening is formed by the nozzle.
4. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein a space within the chamber between the nozzle and the jet impact member is unobstructed.
5. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the top of the jet impact member is disposed between the product feed opening and the drain opening.
6. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the top of the jet impact member is directed towards the product feed opening.
7. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a line that is perpendicular to a center of a surface of the top of the jet impact member is directed towards the product feed opening.
8. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a line that is perpendicular to a surface of the top of the jet impact member in a location where the jet hits the top of the jet impact member is directed towards the product feed opening.
9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top of the jet impact member is directed towards the nozzle.

10. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a line that is perpendicular to a surface of the top of the jet impact member in a location where the jet hits the top of the jet impact member is directed towards the nozzle.

11. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a line that is perpendicular to a surface of the top of the jet impact member in a location where the jet hits the top of the jet impact member is directed parallel to the jet.

12. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a surface of the top of the jet impact member is one of concave, convex, and planar.

13. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top of the jet impact member is located in a center of the chamber, as viewed in a plane transverse to the jet.

14. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top of the jet impact member is located on a central axis of the chamber.

15. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein an axial direction of the jet impact member extends in a longitudinal direction of the chamber.

16. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner wall of the chamber is rotationally symmetrical in shape.

17. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inner wall of the chamber is substantially rotationally symmetrical in shape about an axis of rotation which extends in a longitudinal direction of the chamber.

18. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the axis of rotation extends through the top of the jet impact member.

19. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inner wall of the chamber is at least partially cylindrical in shape.

20. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the jet impact member is connected to the chamber by a lateral arm.

21. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beverage unit further comprises:

 a holder containing a product to be one of extracted and dissolved; and

 a hot-water unit supplying hot water to the holder to produce the beverage.

22. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the chamber and the nozzle are connected to the holder.

23. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the jet impact member is connected to the holder.

24. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the jet impact member is not directly connected to the holder.

25. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the chamber and the nozzle are integrated with the holder.

26. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the jet impact member is integrated with the holder.

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66. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the product is one of coffee, tea, and non-dairy creamer.